



Holy Family: A Family of Faith

- Parish Bulletin -

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THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

9:00 am - PSR - Jubilee Hall

10:30 am - Children's Liturgy of the Word

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:00 pm - Confirmation Class - Jubilee Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:00 pm - Mass

7:00 pm - Papa Bears Meeting - Jubilee Hall

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

11:00 am - Staff Meeting

5:00 pm - Mass

5:30 pm - Senior Citizen's Supper - Marian Hall

6:00 pm - The Light is on For You (Reconciliation)
Daily Chapel

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00 am - School Mass

10:30 am - Deanery Meeting

5:30 pm - STEM Night - Parish Hall

6:00 pm - Rosary - Chapel

6:30 pm - RCIA - Marian Hall

School Registration Fees Due

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

7:40 am - HF School Stations of the Cross - Church

12:00 noon - Mass

5:00 pm - Stations of the Cross

5:00 pm - Confessions - Chapel

5:30 pm - KC Fish Supper

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

3:00 - 3:30 pm - Confession Daily Chapel

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00 am - PSR - Jubilee Hall

FIRST SUNDAY OF

Lent

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The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert,
and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.
He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him.

Mark 1:12-13

Lenten Information

Lenten Schedules will be available at Church.
Please pick one up as you leave Mass.

Also located in church are fliers containing information on
the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Please pick these up as they are valuable tools to
inform you and guide you through this sacrament.

There's something for all age groups.

The Light is on For You (Reconciliation) will be held every
Wednesday during Lent from 6:00 to 6:45 pm in the chapel.



Links to all of this information can also be found on our website
- holyfamilychurchpa.org

Reverend David E. Allen, Pastor
Reverend Ryan Hallford, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Minos Ponville, Jr.
Jennifer LeJeune, Religious Ed. Director
Michelle Cagle, Office Manager
Karen Ardoin, Bookkeeper/Secretary
Michael Comeau, School Principal
Leigh LeBlanc, Pre-K3 Director

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MASSSES:

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

Sundays: 8:00 & 10:30 am

Tuesday - 5:00 pm (Novena following)

Wednesday - 5:00 pm, Thursday - 8:00 am,

Friday - 12:00 noon

**Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths.
— Psalm 25:4**

PEOPLE OF THE COVENANT

If there is one word that stands out in today's readings, it is "covenant." God's faithfulness and goodness serve as examples to us of how to live. Genesis tells the story of Noah and of God's covenant not only with all people, but with all of nature. Never will the cleansing waters of the flood bring their destructive power to all the earth again. The sign, the reminder to both God and nature, is the rainbow in the heavens.

The psalm reminds us of this compassion of God, and begs God to remember us, not because of our goodness, but because of God's goodness and fidelity to the promise. God shows us how to be good, not by decree, but by example.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO

John William Cole

Matthew Lucas Cole

sons of Michael & Egeria Mladenka
who were baptized here this past weekend.

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on March 16-18, call 225-993-2443, email: retrovibrcomcoor@gmail.com or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com



PRE-K3 REGISTRATION

Pre-K3 will hold registration for the 2018-2019 school year during the month of February.

Applications may be found online at holyfamilypreschool3.com or obtained from the pre-K3. Please call (225) 343-6541 with any questions.

GOD'S POWER

We are not in our power, but in the power of God.

—St. Perpetua

A VOCATION VIEW

First Sunday of Lent - February 18, 2018

In today's Gospel, people have difficulty believing that Jesus can forgive sins. Through the sacrament of reconciliation we have a powerful sign of God's mercy, understanding, and forgiveness for those who are sorry for the sinfulness of their lives. A priest becomes God's minister to visibly assure those seeking forgiveness that God's mercy is theirs. If you think God is calling you to a Church vocation, call or email Father Andrew Merrick at 225.336.8778, framerrick@gmail.com, or visit, www.diobr.org/vocations.



Pray for vocation!

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10



STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

COLLECTION COUNTERS - Tuesday, February 20

Ruth Stanley, Oscar Bourgoynne, Eve Riviere.

COLLECTION REPORT for February 11, 2018

Because of the Mardi Gras holiday and the printing deadline of this bulletin, the collection report for the weekend of February 10th and 11th will be listed in the following bulletin.

EVENTS OF NOTE

WOMEN'S SILENT RETREAT Registration has now begun for an all woman, silent, preached retreat at the Archdiocese of New Orleans Retreat Center, formerly known as The Cenacle. This April 6-8 retreat will feature Fr. Matt Linn as guest speaker. His topic is "*Healing our Mind and Heart with Jesus' Parables.*" This retreat will deal with the dynamics of anger, fear, guilt and shame so they will become drivers for new life. Group Prayer and healing of emotion exercises will be featured with each session. The minimum suggested donation for the retreat is \$225.00. For more information or to register, please contact: Claudette St. Amant, Retreat Captain, 225-769-3410.

ST. JOSEPH SPIRITUALITY CENTER February 19 - 23 - Daily commitment: 30 minutes of prayer and 30 minutes with Spiritual Director 5 consecutively scheduled days • Fee: \$100

Feel renewed in the midst of busy life with this at-home retreat. Spend 30 minutes in prayer at home each day then visit with a Spirituality Center Spiritual Director who will offer prayer prompts and scripture, for a week of prayer and reflection. A spiritual director will schedule convenient times for your daily visits. To register, go to www.stjocenter.org or call 225-383-3349.

ST. PATRICK LENTEN MISSION -Monday, February 26 - Wednesday, February 28 at 7:00 pm in the Church SIGNED AND SEALED WITH THE CROSS

Each evening is centered around a Liturgy of the Word and a 45-minute homily. The service lasts exactly one hour. On Wednesday evening a reception will follow in the Parish Family Center. St. Patrick Catholic Church 12424 Brogdon Lane, Baton Rouge, LA 70816 - 225/753-5750 ■ www.stpatrickbr.org

ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

Holy Family Parish is again hosting a St. Joseph Altar on March 17th. Father David will bless the altar at 2:30, followed by the rosary and feeding of the Saints. We will begin feeding the public at 4:30. All are welcome. If you are interested in making a donation, helping, donating a casserole, cake or candy, please contact Sue Blanchard at (225) 573-0919 or Jo Ann Dodd (225) 955-5815.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be held immediately following the 4:00 pm Mass on Saturday, March 3rd. We invite everyone who would like to be anointed to attend the Mass and stay after. All are welcome!

MORNING OF PRAYER

A Baton Rouge Morning of Prayer on Saturday, February 24, 2018. The day begins with 8:00 am Mass at OLOM celebrated by Fr. Cleo Milano, followed by a presentation in the Parish Activity Center on Cultivating Lenten Hope by Judy Klein. Registration begin at 8:45 am. Coffee and pastries will be available. Morning of Prayer concludes at 11:30 am. Online registration is available at <https://retreats.arch-no.org/retreats/210/register>. Cost is \$25.

Judy Klein is a Catholic theologian, author, and inspirational speaker. She is also the founder of Memorare Ministries dedicated to bringing a message of hope and encouragement to those who are suffering. Her book *Miracle Man* describes the challenges of the deathbed conversion of her first husband Bernie and her own faith journey. She also blogs at *Aleteia* and *CatholicMom.com*.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITIONS

The Holy Father usually marks the solemn opening of the Lenten fast with a procession and Mass on Ash Wednesday evening. He walks from the Benedictine monastery, San Anselmo, down the Aventine hill to the Dominican monastery of Santa Sabina. This very old tradition was revived by Pope John XXIII in the late 1950s. Have you ever wondered who gives the pope his ashes? It's the cardinal who has been given the "title" of the church of Santa Sabina. The pope's homily at this Mass states his theme for Lent.

Santa Sabina dates from the fifth century, and is one of the most beautiful churches in Rome. One of the panels on its main doors features the Crucifixion, a scene not normally depicted in art until much later. In the year 1219 the pope gave the church to Saint Dominic for his new religious order, the "Order of Preachers," commonly called the Dominicans, and it remains their world headquarters to this day. That pope, Honorius III, was a member of the Savelli family, and this church was their personal family chapel. Sabina was a wealthy Roman lady who became a Christian and was martyred, and whose home became a place of prayer. Later, the church built on that spot was dedicated to her memory. —Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

HAVE YOU NOTICED??

The Stella Roman Foundation has been generous through the years and has gifted various churches with bell systems, Holy Family included. Very recently, they gifted us a new bell system to replace the circa 2001 system that we had been using. With this new technology, there are features that we will be able to utilize, along with additional songs that will play in the evenings. The speakers have not yet been updated and are not properly working. That update will come soon and you should be able to notice the sound difference a bit more. We should be blessed with the lovely sound of bells for many years to come!



Installation of new bell system



SAYING "THANK YOU"

Pictured are the Kindergarten students of Holy Family School who visited the Parish Office during Catholic School's Week to thank Fr. David & Fr. Ryan. They presented the priests with a card and a fruit basket.

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Holy Family Parish is a loving, caring community of devoted and committed Catholic Christians. Our mission purpose is to spread and deepen the Kingdom of God among all people. Our aim is to carry out this mission through our **strong tradition of faith and family**, through a **strong sacramental and liturgical life**, through a **total Catholic educational program**, through a **ministry to the social needs of the community** and **through evangelization**.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays: 3:00 to 3:30 pm or any day by appointment.

BAPTISMS: Couples should contact the parish office during pregnancy to register for a Baptism Seminar (usually held every other month, even numbered months). Godparents also must attend a Baptism Seminar.

MATRIMONY: Couples must contact priest at least SIX months before making other arrangements.

SICK CALLS: Parishioners are urged to contact priest to inform him of persons who are ill.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Offered at daily Mass or privately to those who are facing surgery or illness. Call the office.

NEW PARISHIONERS: Are requested to contact the Parish Office to register as parishioners.

ADORATION: Tuesday & Wednesday - 5:30 - 8:30 pm; Thursday & Friday - 9:00 am - 12 Noon



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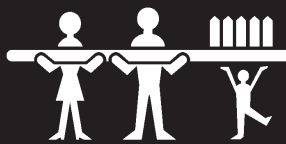


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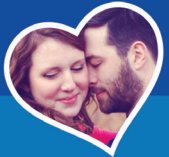
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